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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN ARMY DEPT ARREARAGE FOR AUTOMOBILE
TRANSPORTATION

REF: (A) 76 STATE 136243, (B) 76 LA PAZ 5437,
(C) LTR, DEPT OF ARMY FINANCE & ACCOUNTING
OFFICE, MDW, SAME SUBJECT, DATED 2 AUG 76.

1. REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS ON MILITARY MISSION DEBT
ARREARAGES. IN REF B, I RECOMMENDED THAT MILGP COMMANDER
HERE BE INSTRUCTED TO REVIEW THE TERMS OF EXISTING
AGREEMENTS WITH THE MOD, DEVELOP ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENTS
OF FUTURE BILLINGS, AND IN RETURN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS BE EMPOWERED TO STATE THAT
OUTSTANDING ARREARAGES WILL BE WIPED OFF THE BOOKS. BY
REF C LT. COLONEL MEDINA REQUESTED BOLIVIAN ARMY ATTACHE
IN WASHINGTON TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING DEBT OF \$205,465.05
FOR TRANSPORT OF PERSONAL AUTOMOBILES OF USMILGP ARMY
SECTION MEMBERS.

2. IN ARRIVING AT THE RECOMMENDATION IN REF B, I REVIEWED
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OUR PAST RECORD OF INCONSISTENCIES AND FAILURES IN BOOK-
KEEPING, BILLING PROCEDURES AND FOLLOW-UPS. I POINTED OUT
TANGIBLE BENEFITS WHICH HAVE ACCRUED TO USG FAR IN EXCESS
OF THE AMOUNT OF THIS ARREARAGE. I BELIEVE THAT THE
RATIONALE DEVELOPED IN REF B IS STILL VALID AND I REPEAT
MY RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS ARREARAGE BE FORGIVEN AFTER
ESTABLISHMENT OF SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE

PAYMENTS.

3. BOLIVIAN ARMY HERE HAS ASKED THE MILGP FOR A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF ALL DEBTS SINCE 30 JUNE 1956, THE DATE OF SIGNATURE OF OUR AGREEMENT. WE ENJOY EXTREMELY CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY AS WE BRING TO COSE GRANT PROGRAM AND MOVE TO FMS. I WOULD NOT WISH TO PREJUDICE THIS RELATIONSHIP AND OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS BY PRESENTATION OF THIS BILL, WHICH IN MANY WAYS IS THE PRODUCT OF OUR OWN DELINQUENCIES. MEANTIME I PLAN TO HAVE MILGP ADVISE GOB THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER WITHIN USG AND THAT THEY WILL BE ADVISED.

4. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST.
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